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Double honors for NRMC's HM3 Poirier

NTC and NRMC Sailor of the Quarter



Captain Meyers, HM3 Keith Poirier, and his wife, Marcia. (U. S. Navy Photo)

HM3 Keith A. Poirier, USN, Laboratory Service, has been selected as the Naval Training Center Orlando Sailor of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter 1980. Petty Officer Poirier had been selected as the NRMC Sailor of the Quarter which made him eligible to compete with the five other highly qualified, command, Sailors of the Quarter, for this honor.

Petty Officer Poirier entered the Navy in December 1977 at Portland, Maine. He graduated from Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, May 1978, and attended Laboratory School at San Diego. Following graduation, he reported to NRMC Orlando, in September 1979. He is currently assigned as the evening supervisor in the

Main Lab.

HM3 Poirier is married to the former Marsha Smith of Bar Harbor, Maine, and they reside in base housing.

HM3 Poirier is planning on making the Navy his career and would like to attend independent duty school when eligible. His long range goal is to become a commissioned officer.

The staff of NRMC congratulates Petty Officer Poirier on his selection for these two honors based on his outstanding performance, personal conduct, appearance and devotion to duty.

Noted for excellence - July inspection

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HM2 D. Ford	HA D. Norton
HM2 J. Higgins	HA B. Parvatikar
HM2 T. Engebretsen	HA H. Perez
HM3 S. Cronkhite	

Whooizzit???

DO YOU KNOW THIS STAFF MEMBER? (Answer on Page 8,)

What's an "MT?"

"MT" is short for a mouthful: Medical Transcriptionist. NRMCM Orlando has a dozen employees working on the transcription of various types of inpatient and outpatient medical records.

An MT is an indispensable member of the health care team and plays a vital role in producing medical reports which become permanent records of medical, scientific and legal value.

The Medical Transcriptionists now have a national organization - the American Association for Medical Transcription (AAMT), and the formation of a Central Florida Chapter is well under way. Pat Horn, of Patient Affairs Service, has been appointed as contact person for the entire state of Florida and is spearheading the drive for the formation of the local chapter. Further information about AAMT may be obtained by calling Pat at extension 5263.

Captain's Call

NRMCM E6 and below:

1500, 13 Aug, Ward 17

Annex: 1300 7 Aug,

Conference Room

All civilian employees:

1330, 12 Aug, Ward 17

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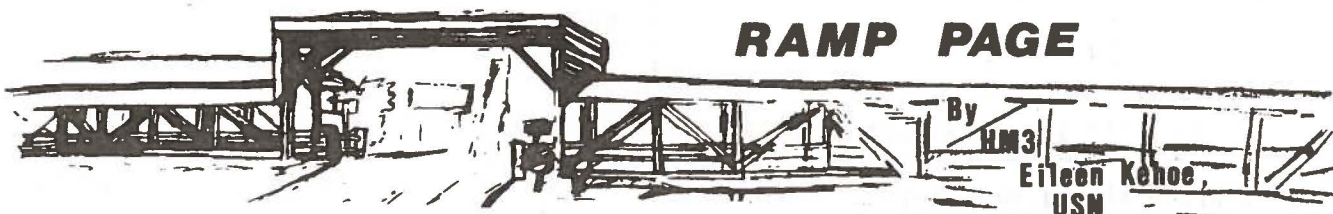
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RAMP PAGE



How will the Shah's death affect the hostages?



MM1 R. Povalkins, Security Service: I don't think it will help at all. I don't think the Shah was the main reason that they took the hostages -- it would have happened eventually anyway.



John Sisak, Fiscal & Supply: The death of the Shah will not have any affect on the hostages - it's too late.



Cheryl Ross, ENT Clinic: I hope it will relieve the situation but I really don't think it is going to change anything.



HM3 R. Lugo, Nursing Service: It won't do any good at all. They want to keep the U.S. in a bind because they think it helps them gain status in the world.



CDR N. Marcotte, NC, Nursing Service: I do not think it will affect the release or treatment of our hostages in any way.



HMCS(SS) K. Holland, Acute Care Clinic: No affect. They'll still want to put them thru a trial, or come up with some other excuse to keep them.



LT W. Miller, NC, Ward 4: I don't think it is going to have any affect. I think the Iranians were using that as an excuse. Now they will find some other reason to hold them.

LAB LINE

By LCDR J. D. Cotelingam, MC, USNR

New Receptionist and new System

The NRMCLab has both a new receptionist and a new Patient Processing System within the Main Laboratory.

Our new receptionist is Mrs. Ruby J. Garmon. Ruby was born in Cumberland, Maryland and raised mostly in Maryland and Virginia.



Ruby Garmon

She moved to Atlanta six years ago where she met her husband, John. While in Atlanta, she was employed by the VA Medical Center as a Medical Clerk Typist. Last year, her husband was transferred to Orlando and they now reside in Longwood. Before coming to work at the Laboratory, Ruby was on the staff of PM TRADE. Her hobbies include swimming, cross-stitching, and pottery. She and her husband both enjoy fishing.

The new Patient Processing System revolves around Mrs. Garmon. She receives the patient, verifies the validity of the request, checks the Lab request for specimen source, Doctor's name, patient location, and prepares the proper tubes for blood collection by the Phlebotomist. The Lab chit, tubes and labels are then placed in a plastic box, along with a number, and patients are called in sequence.

This system allows for quick clearing of the waiting room and provides a rapid, accurate, processing of both patients and their samples.

Ruby and the new system are indeed both welcome additions to the Laboratory Service.

NRMCLab Karate champs

NRMCLab Orlando was well represented at the Invitational Karate Tournament held at the Bob Carr Auditorium on 26 July which was sponsored by the Mokokan Karate Academy.

HM3 Michael Scott, Surgical Service, competed in the Black Belt Division and captured 1st place! Petty Officer Scott has been a Karateist for 17 years but has only competed actively on the circuit for the last 5 years. His skill as a Karateist can be measured by his accumulation of trophies.

In the White/Yellow/Green Belt Division, with a competitive group of 30, LT Eddie McCorvey, Jr., MSC, Pharmacy Service, captured a Green Belt first place. HM3 Charles Tillie, Surgical Service, took third place honors for the Yellow Belt.

In the Women's Open Division, NRMCLab was represented by HM3 Donna Wilson, Emergency Room. Petty Officer Wilson has the 3rd place trophy as a symbol of her expertise.

James Swanson of the Photo Lab is the director and teacher of the Navy Orlando Karate participants and conducts classes at the NTC Gym. Anyone interested, can contact James at X5158.

The O. R. honors their Champions

HM3 Tillie (on left) and HM3 Scott display trophies and cake at O.R. celebration

NURSING**SERVICE**

By LT Greg Holeman, NC, USN

"Life will double in enjoyment for you when you finally realize that..."

NOW IS YOUR TIME

By Dr. Louis Binstock

"No man can be said to be truly happy unless he has attained peace of mind -- an inner security -- a calm contentment. A man may experience many joys but he is not necessarily happy. He may know many pleasures but he is not necessarily happy. One of the best definitions of happiness that has crossed my reading road is one fashioned by William Henry Channing, Chaplain of the House of Representatives in the middle of the last century: 'To live content with small means, to seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy not respectable, and wealthy not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to the stars and birds, to babes and sages with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common.'

".... Perhaps no better solution has been found than the one discovered by Granpa Tubbs who had been stubborn and crabbed for years. No one in the village could please him. Then, overnight, he changed. Only sweetness and light radiated from his personality. The villagers were astounded. 'Granpa,' they cried, 'what is it that caused you to change so suddenly?' 'Well, sir,' the old man replied, 'I've been striving all my life for a contented mind. It's done no good. So I've just decided to be contented without it.'

"Some years ago, I saw Joe E. Brown in the play Harvey. He was the shining star of the production. Afterwards, I had the pleasure of meeting him. I asked him what he liked most about the play. He

replied: 'The line in which Harvey's drink-happy friend says, "I always have a wonderful time just where I am, whoever I am with."' I have thought about that line a great deal and the more I have thought about it, the more I have become convinced that Joe E. Brown was right. The basic lesson we must learn is that you cannot conquer reality by running away from it. You must meet and deal with it wherever it is, whenever it is, however it is, with whomever it is. There is the best place and really the only place where you can find lasting happiness.

"Some time ago, while reading the biography of the Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh, who struggled in poverty and pain all his days and died at too young an age, it would seem, to have reaped a sufficient reward for all his sacrifice and suffering. I ran across a significant passage in a letter to his brother Theo. It reads: 'It would not make me so melancholy, Brother, if you had not added something that worries me. You say "let's hope for better times." You see, that is one of those things we must be careful of. To hope for better times must not be a feeling but an action in the present. For the very reason that I felt strongly the hope for better times, I threw myself with all my strength into the work of the present without thinking of the future.' Van Gogh was not satisfied just to hope for better times. He toiled and sweated in order to make better times. He lived a short time but he left a glorious heritage to mankind.

"Too many of us waste our years waiting for better times in the future or wondering about better times in the past, instead of working for better times in the present. If only we had lived in better times... if only ... if only... If - if - if - if! Tomorrow - tomorrow - tomorrow! But today is always there; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come. No, now is the time -- here is the place. This is the person. This is your home. This is your job. This is your wife - your husband - your child - your mother - your friend. This is your people. This is your country. This is your generation. You can have a wonderful time just where you are, just when you are, just how you are, just with whomever you are."

We salute our Red Cross Volunteers

Our Red Cross Volunteers, 120 strong, devote on the average of over 2,000 man hours per month. Their contribution in helping us achieve high quality patient care cannot be measured in dollars, cents, or statistics. You cannot place a monetary value on the unselfish devotion, empathy and congeniality which flows from these special people to our patients and staff. We regret that we cannot single out each volunteer in our special salute but we do express our sincere and heartfelt "thank you" to each and every one for their personal sacrifice for others.



**Pat Dicus,
Chairman, Hospital
Volunteers**



**H. Andrews, Shopping
Chairman and Book Cart**



**Jean Wilson, Chairman
Recreation**



**Francis Price,
Annex Pharmacy**



**Carrie Katsos (83 yrs young)
OB - GYN Clinic**



**Marty Howard, ARC Office
and on call where needed**



**Charles Breeden
OPD Records**



**Beverly Tish, Chairman
OB-GYN Clinic**



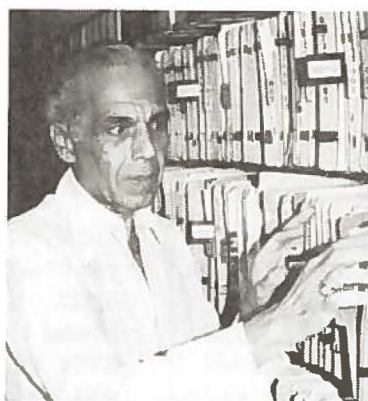
**Junior Volunteers April Akins
and Debbie Manley, Pediatric
Clinic**



Laura Hernandez, Coffee/Juice Cart



**Stella Anderson, Physical
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Gus DeVasto, OPD Records



**Shirley LaBonte, Information
Desk and Chairman, Family
Practice Clinic**



**Cecile Johnson, Surgical Clinic,
and husband, Paul, Pharmacy**



**Eunice Shanaberger, Veterinary Service,
assists CAPT Scott Swerdlin, DVM, USAF,
with patient, Trixie.**



**Pat Beebe, Dental Hygienist,
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The September 1980 Advancement Exam Worksheets are now ready for verification and signature. Personnel should report to the Educational Services Office (PSD-14) no later than 15 August. Each candidate is responsible for completing this

task. If you do not report to verify your worksheet and then discover that an exam has not been ordered for you, the blame rests on your shoulders. If you miss out, it is a long 6 months before you get another chance!

Lou Frey visits NMRC



... at luncheon



... touring new facility

Lou Frey, former Congressman from Winter Park, was the guest speaker at the Captain's Table Luncheon on 15 July. Mr. Frey played an active part in negotiating the funding through Congress for the new replacement facility.

Mr. Frey, accompanied by his wife, Marsha, and son, Louis, were given a tour of the new replacement hospital by Captain Zimble. The Freys were very impressed with the new patient-care center and the state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.



Chaplain's Comments

By CDR W. E. Tumblin, CNC, USN

Cast your ballot

With the Republican National Convention behind and the Democratic National Convention coming up fast, much attention will be given to political affairs this autumn. The Judeo-Christian tradition encourages, expects, and provides numerous examples of active involvement in affairs of government. A constructive, contributing citizenship grows out of a healthy religious faith that upholds the dignity, worth, and rights of all peoples; the dignity of work; and acceptance of the necessity for some form of limited government. Anarchy and despotism thrive when these values are twisted or denied full expression. Substituting political faith for religious faith will distort government so that it becomes a phony religion with false truth parading as the hope for "the best and the brightest."

Sorting out the nature, extent, and limits of involvement in governmental affairs is a recurring task each person faces. Noninvolvement is a false luxury in a democracy. It seems to me that under-involvement in matters political often results from over-involvement in matters social, financial, familial, or religious. In other words, when we put all our eggs in one basket, we get sick and bored from a bland routine. Pursue an active stance on both sides of the line you draw separating affairs of state and affairs of religion. Surrender of your right to register, become informed, and vote in the upcoming election is a total cave-in to "taxation without representation." Failure to exercise our constitutional rights assures development of flabby forms of citizenship, inadequate office holders and uncontrollable government structures. Taking a blasé stance exaggerates power in the hands of a few and costs each person a loss of their rights to influence government.

In God's name, each of us should get registered, get educated, exchange views, and cast our ballot.

... From the other side!

By HM3 J. M. Cadrain, USN

Commander's Cup Runner-up Team

The "Dispensary" softball team, representing the NRMC Annex, recently placed second in the Commander's Cup Slow-Pitch Softball League with a very respectable 19 - 4 record. The team fought from behind, against much adversity, to achieve this goal. The "Dispensary" was guided and coached by CW02 Jeffrey M. Bishop, who devoted much time and patience to the team. Assistant coach was HM2 Joseph P. Emmons, who helped out tremendously with coaching and managerial responsibilities. The team would like to thank all the fans who supported them all season long, and they especially want to publicly thank CWO Jeffery Bishop for being both coach and friend.

The "Dispensary" Team

HM3 Don Parrish
HM3 Mike Johnson
HM3 Garry Day
HM3 Jim Summitt
HM3 Billy Pearce
HM3 John Cadrain
HM2 Dave Richardson
HM2 Joe Emmons
HM2 Hymie Huth
HN Ed Winkler
CW02 Jeffrey Bishop

The team also sends thanks to all those players who were on the team during the regular season and who have now been transferred.



Red Cross.
The Good Neighbor.

1980 Commander's Cup Slow Pitch Softball League

NRMC #1 - Champions - - again!

Front row, left to right: HM1 R. Griswold, LT E. Niec, MSC, LT W. McCorvey, MSC, HMCM J. DeLuca (Captain), HMCS(SS) K. Holland, HM3 P. Black, LCDR R. Elster, MSC. Back row: CDR C. Loar, MSC, CAPT L. Nickerson, NC, LT D. Thomas, MC, HM1 W. Tedin, HM1 A. Washington, HM2 J. Darnell, HM3 S. Miller, LTJG P. Baker, MSC, and HM3 W. Thompson. Not pictured: CAPT "C" V. Romano, MC, LCDR L. Scheve, NC, LT D. Rosenbaum, MSC, ENS H. Thomas, HM1 P. Mowbray, HM2 T. Harmon, HM3 S. Stutzka, HM3 R. Frazier and HA B. Cardwell.

For the second year in a row, NRMC #1 has been able to tuck the Commander's Cup Slow-Pitch Softball Championship safely into their gloves. As the League was winding to a finish, the pressure was on and NRMC #1 had to win their last three games in order to clinch first place.

The power of the NRMC #1 team was very evident in the final games. They slugged their way to a 17 to 4 game over SSC 48 with Steve Miller pounding out three home runs. Next, they put down NAC 1 by a score of 14 to 3 with Steve Miller, Ed Niec, and Larry Scheve producing three hits a piece. The Defenders went down 13 to 2 with Steve Miller coming thru again with another home run.

Steve Miller's outstanding performance was not lost on the team captains - they voted him the Most Valuable Player of the League. The Marines were voted the Team Sportsmanship award.



CAPT D. Shea presents the command trophy to CAPT Nickerson, CDR Loar and HMCM DeLuca.



CAPT Shea presents the Most Valuable Player trophy to HM3 S. Miller.

The Commander's Cup Slow-Pitch Softball League was certainly aware of NRMC. Not only did NRMC #1 capture the championship, but the "Dispensary" team was the runner-up team and the Most Valuable Player award was all Steve Miller's.

NRMC #1 will now play in the Division IV of the South Atlantic Regional Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament, which will be hosted by NTC, Orlando, August 1 - 3. Opening games will be at 1800 on August 1st at the McGuire Fields. Let's all be there and support our team!





Master Shipwreck

HMCM(SS) R. C. Clements, USN

Master "Shipwreck" is on leave; therefore, I take this opportunity to wax eloquent!

HMCS David Templeton, USN
Asst to Dir., Admin Svcs

Getting caught

I am prompted to write this article because of the number of requests for reinstatement to a previously held rate.

The purpose of nonjudicial punishment is to extract a penalty for those who have failed, in some manner, to uphold good order and discipline. In other words, "getting caught!" Now there are three possibilities for the potential wrongdoer:

1. Don't do it.
2. Don't even think about doing it.
3. Don't get caught.

If you don't do it or don't even think about doing it, no sweat! If you do it and get caught, then guess what? Start sweating! You got a problem and that problem is going to impact on you.

Unfortunately, some sailors (Hospital Corps personnel are sailors!) don't give much thought to impact, i.e. ("I didn't know I would have to wait a whole year before going back up for promotion."); ("It seemed like a good idea at the time."), or ("I didn't think I'd get caught.")

Well, gang, if you wanna dance, you gotta pay and if you wanna boogie, you're gonna sweat! Now, everyone in the head shed recognizes that even a "good sailor" can "make a mistake" and it is not the intent to kick anyone when they are down. However (comma) I would suggest that the 5 P's be the order of the day - every day. So think ahead and remember - hindsight is a great virtue; unfortunately, it always occurs after you get caught!

We're sorry you're leaving!

CDR J. Porter, NC, to NavHosp Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

LCDR E. Dehoyos, MC, to civilian life

LT L. Haddad, NC, to NavHosp Cherry Point, NC

CWO2 J. Bishop, PA, to civilian life

HM2 T. Harmon to civilian life

HM3 G. Mulligan to NSHS, Portsmouth, VA

HM3 R. Kiger to USS John Hancock

HM3 D. Parrish to civilian life

HM3 S. Miller to civilian life

HN F. Thompson to USS HOLLAND

HM3 J. Stroup to civilian life

HM3 D. Dombos to NavRegMedCen Guam

HM3 T. Shaw to civilian life

HN E. Hewitt to 2nd MarAirWing

We're glad you're here!

CAPT L. Stetzer, MC, from NavRegMedCen, Charleston

CDR P. Riley, MSC, from NavAeroSpRegMed. Cen, Pensacola

LCDR G. Dumais, MSC, from NavRegMedCen, Memphis

LCDR J. Meek, MC, from NNMC, Bethesda

LCDR C. Hyatt, NC, from Royal Naval Hosp, Gasport, England

LCDR L. Gilliard, MC, from NNMC, Bethesda

LCDR M. Murphy, MC, from NavHosp, Patuxent River

LCDR M. Voit, MC, from BrClin, MarCorps Logistic Base, Albany

LT M. Harris, MC, from NavRegMedCen, Portsmouth

LT J. Wilker, MC, from NavRegMedCen, Jacksonville

LT A. Smith, MSC, from AHS, Fort Sam Houston

LT R. Butcher, NC, from NavRegMedCen, Portsmouth

CWO3 J. Moffett, Jr., PA, from NavReg MedCen, Charleston

CWO2 A. Caffarelli, PA, from civilian status

CWO2 F. Sumner, PA, from NavRegMedCen, Naples

HM2 J. Rangel from USS INDEPENDENCE

HM2 J. Tabora from NavRegMedCen, Guam

HM3 R. Talbot from NavRegMedCen, Oakland

HN B. Batterson from HCS GLAKES

HN J. Kadel from HCS GLAKES

HA P. Garcia from NSHS SDIEGO

HR M. Bennett from NSHS SDIEGO



ASK THE SKIPPER



By CAPT J. A. Zimble, MC, USN

From "pearls of wisdom" to real pearls....

When I first entered the Navy, I was provided two bits of "sage" council by an old salt. Little did I realize at that time how much or rather, how little, value I should place on the advice of a twenty-plus-year E-3 careerist.

His first piece of advice, was "If it moves, salute it; if it don't move, paint it." Actually, although such advice is certainly not career enhancing, it is somewhat productive in terms of real property maintenance. Also, it doesn't appear to do any permanent harm.

His second pearl of wisdom, "Don't ever volunteer for nuthin'," however, is not only inimical to any successful organization but is the anthesis of all we've learned about our American heritage. From barn-raising to charity drives, volunteerism has been the foundation upon which all the ideals of this country have been built.

In this issue of "Vital Signs," we honor those volunteers which have permitted NRMCO to function so well. One hundred and twenty Red Cross Volunteers have substantially enhanced our productivity and our compassionate medical care delivery. Although their presence is not reflected in our Manpower Authorizations or our Civilian Ceiling Points, they are truly full-fledged members of our medical staff whose rewards for services rendered are measured only by their satisfaction of a job well done and our recognition of their fine efforts.

I offer a personal heartfelt thank you to each and every Red Cross volunteer on our staff. I ask each of you to do the same. Don't pass a Volunteer in Red Cross blue, on the ramps, without a smile and thanks.



CRA NOTES

By Joyce Sienia



CRA BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Oliver Bellamy on 2 Aug; John Sisak on 4 Aug; Mary Anthony on 5 Aug; Shirley Graham, Anne Swartout, and William Walker on 7 Aug; Henry Lewis on 10 Aug; Patricia Johnson on 16 Aug; Judith Brooke and Ida Weining on 17 Aug; Ronald Johnson on 21 Aug; Annie Myers and Dorothy Pempey on 23 Aug; Charles Watson on 26 Aug; Angeline Derby and Dolores Thompson on 27 Aug; William Martin on 29 Aug; and Barbara Cheney on 31 Aug.

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Sound too good to be true? How is it possible? What do I have to do? If you are an E-4 or below, married with one or more children, live ashore or in base housing, your wife or husband does not work and you do not work part-time, you qualify for Food Stamps! Indeed, the more dependents you have, the more money you can receive. See your Enlisted Advisor or the C/MC for details.

Senior Chief Rollen, who works in the Laboratory, and Chief Wida, who works in Radiology, are currently counselling our young people on the availability of Food Stamps. Enlisted Advisors may refer their personnel for assistance.

Wheelizzit?



It's HMC Hilman Brown, USN, who works in the Medical Board Section at the Annex. Chief Brown reported to NRMCO in August 1977 and is a 36 year Naval veteran. The Chief will be transferred to the Fleet Reserve on November 30th. He and his wife, Omega, both hail from Laurel, Mississippi, but plan to make Orlando their home after the Chief's retirement.